

Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG) Special Notice (SN) 09-05, Addendum A

October 26, 2009

Subject	THE HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM (HFP) WAIT LIST COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES
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Effective Date	September 17, 2009
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References	All County Welfare Directors Letters (ACWDL) 09-39 and 09-48
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Purpose	The purpose of this letter is to inform workers that with the passage of AB 1422, the funding deficit for the Healthy Families Program (HFP) has been resolved.
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	This SN obsoletes MPG SN 09-05.
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Background	The HFP was established in June 1998 to provide medical coverage for children who are not eligible for zero Share of Cost (SOC) Medi-Cal, but are below the HFP income limits. Effective July 17, 2009, the HFP initiated a Wait List for new applicants to the HFP. SN 09-05 provided instructions for the implementation of the HF Wait List. The HFP had also initiated a plan to begin to disenroll children from the HFP beginning November 1, 2009.
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Change	<p>The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) has decided to take the following actions with the additional funding to HFP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• End the HFP enrollment freeze as of September 17, 2009;• Review applications of children on the Wait List in order of the effective dates on the Wait List; and• Not start the disenrollment of recipient children.
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MRMIB Actions	MRMIB estimates that it will take approximately 30 business days to process all the applications for children on the Wait List and to notify families of their children's eligibility. All applications will be processed based on the date of application, with the oldest applications processed first. In the event HFP determines that the income is below the HFP guidelines based on the acceptable proof of income that is used (for example, the family might provide new income documentation that was not previously submitted with the original
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application), the HFP will forward the application to the County. The transmittal will identify and preserve the original application received date at Single Point of Entry (SPE).

**Worker
Actions**

There is no change to the current Medi-Cal to HFP referral process, including the Medi-Cal to Healthy Families Bridging Program. Workers shall continue to forward all HFP eligible children to the HFP at initial Medi-Cal determination and Annual Redetermination when a child is determined to be eligible with a share of cost, but the family income is within the HFP guidelines. See MPG [Article 4, Section 20](#) for the application processing and referral requirements and MPG [Article 20, Section 1](#) for the Bridging Performance Standards.

**Automation
Impact**

No automation impact.

Forms Impact

No impact.

**Imaging
Impact**

No impact.

**Quality
Assurance
Impact**

Beginning with November 2009 sample month, Quality Assurance will cite the appropriate error when the requirements in this material have not been followed.

**Manager
Approval**

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